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				LETTER NO. n-272/72	
TO : Executive Director-Comptroller			FROM: Chief, Far East Division <i>W</i>		
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<p>I understand that you are collating comments on the draft response from the Department of Defense to Senator Symington on the subject of Phung Hoang, a copy of which was provided to Mr. Carver by Colonel Farnham. My comments are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the response to Question # 2, it is stated that the VCI are counted as neutralized "when rallying to the Government's side, when captured and receiving either a sentence by a court verdict, or when killed." The word "either" in the above sentence is not followed within the clause by an "or," suggesting several words have been dropped. (As written, the final "or killed" in the sentence could be construed to mean that some captives were killed.) 2. The asterisk phrase at the bottom of page 2 states "Beginning in 1970..." whereas the response to Question # 3 on page 3 says "In 1969 and subsequent years...", both statements referring to the date when GVN reporting criteria was changed. 3. "An Tri" is mentioned in the <u>second</u> paragraph of the response to 					
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<p>Question # 3, but it is not identified as an administrative detention system until later in the paper. I suggest the meaning of "An Tri" be explained when first used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. In the response to Question # 5, I would suggest that the identification of civilian advisors in 1970, 1971 and 1972 as being DOD personnel be omitted. This identification permits the strong inference to be made that civilian advisors in 1968 and 1969 may have been CIA, whereas omission of all identification would simply leave the entire question of Agency affiliation unanswered. Further, in the classified Supplemental Response to Question # 5, the single present civilian advisor is identified as OSA which thus belies the previous DOD identification. 5. I see no need to hide behind the OSA label in the classified portion of the paper and would suggest that "CIA" be substituted for "Office of the Special Assistant to the Ambassador" and "OSA" where they appear. <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>If you agree, I suggest we pass this to Carver/Turkey to ISA</i></p>					
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Remarks:

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all points (including
Colby's) covered
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